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the USSR.

- a. Source could not remember any marked examples of absenteeism, slowdowns, strikes, demonstrations, distribution of anti-regime pamphlets or non-cooperation. He stated that the above-mentioned acts were done surreptitiously and that he therefore could not give any concrete example of such behavior. Propaganda posters and leaders' pictures were defaced occasionally, usually by young people at night. In Shakhty (N 47-46, E 40-12), his home town, church attendance was rather large every Sunday. Only old people went to church; young men and women were too afraid of losing their jobs or incurring the disfavor of the regime. Churches did not encourage resistance against the regime other than urging the population to attend services.
- b. Source could not recall any specific restrictions imposed by the government which dissatisfied the population. In general, the greatest percentage of the population was dissatisfied with almost any governmental decree. High taxes, high prices, long working hours, and low income were the main reasons for dissatisfaction.
- c. The greatest percentage of the population did not trust the government and was wary of its promises.

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- d. Source estimated that only 20 percent of the youth were fervent Communists.
- e. Concerning the relocation of native populations, source stated that the entire Checheno-Ingushskaya Republic was resettled in northern Kazakhstan in March 1944 because it actively collaborated with the Germans. In the process of resettlement a great percentage of males over 21 disappeared without any trace. Source heard about this resettlement from his father.
- f. Source estimated that approximately 60 percent of the population in the Shakhty area would actively support the allied forces if local Communist leaders were disposed of; about 65 percent would participate in the liquidation of the security forces if they could be aided by allied personnel, and approximately 50 percent would participate unaided if allied forces were approaching. Miners and World War II veterans would be the first to respond to allied appeals if guaranteed that the allied forces came as liberators and not as conquerors.

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